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SUBJ: BUDGET COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY. BUDGET COMMITTEE COMPLETED ITS WORK ON FRIDAY, MARCH 15 AND APPROVED SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION CIES/2088 TO PLENARY. NO FIGURES IN DOCUMENT CIES/2020 CHANGED, BUT VARIOUS DELEGATES EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT CIAP HAD RECOMMENDED REDUCTIONS IN PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS FOR A) COUNTRY REVIEWS; B) COOPERATIVES AND C) SCCN CONSULTATIONS. RESOLUTION ON EVALUATION PROCESS PROPOSED BY U.S. ACCEPTED AFTER NON-SUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY DORELL CALLENDER (JAMAICA) HELD FIVE SESSIONS DURING WHICH PROGRAM BUDGET DOCUMENT CIES/2020 WAS REVIEWED IN DETAIL. MONTAVON (U.S.) WAS RAPPORTEUR. MOST LINE ITEMS IN BUDGET WERE ACCEPTED WITHOUT DEBATE. ON FIRST ITEM (IA-ECOSOC AND OTHER ORGANS ACTIVITIES) MEXICO QUERIED WHETHER ALLOCATION PROPOSED FOR SCCN SHOULD NOT BE MAINTAINED IN ORDER INSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EXPANDED ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS. SECRETARIAT ASSURED COMMITTEE

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THAT SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY EXISTED IN BUDGET TO PERMIT USE

OF OTHER FUNDS IF ALLOCATION PROVED TO BE A RESTRAINT,
AND FIGURE ALLOWED TO STAND.

3. ON ITEM 2 (ACTIVITIES OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT) U.S.
PROPOSED THAT STUDY BE MADE OF HOW FONDEM SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED
AND FINANCED. PROPOSAL ACCEPTED.

4. ON ITEM 3 (ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL
DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS AND STUDIES) U.S. PROPOSED THAT SUGGESTED
REDUCTION IN FIGURE FOR COUNTRY REVIEWS BE RESTORED AND ABSORBED
ELSEWHERE IN BUDGET. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, DURING
WHICH SECRETARIAT AGAIN ASSURED COMMITTEE THAT FLEXIBILITY IN
BUDGET SUFFICIENT TO INSURE THAT BUDGETARY ALLOCATION NOT
A RESTRAINT, FIGURE ALLOWED TO STAND.

5. ON ITEM 5(D) (PROGRAM OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE)
COSTA RICA MADE URGENT PLEA TO MAINTAIN FIGURE PROPOSED BY
SECRETARY GENERAL. SIMILAR PLEA MADE BY COSTA RICA ON ITEM
5(E) (PROGRAM OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO
COOPERATIVES. FIGURES ALLOWED TO STAND AFTER REASSURANCE FROM
SECRETARIAT THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS COULD BE FOUND IF DEMAND
JUSTIFIED IT.

6. CIES/2020 CONTAINED FIVE "GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS" WHICH WERE SUBJECT TO CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION.
U.S. OBJECTED TO NEGATIVE STATEMENT ON ABSORPTION OF WORK
BEGUN ON BASIS OF UNILATERAL GRANTS (E.G., SUPPORT OF COUNTRY
REVIEW PROCESS) AND STATEMENT CHANGED TO REFLECT U.S. VIEWS.
CHAIRMAN WITHOUT EXPLANATION REQUESTED DELETION OF SECTION
SUMMARIZING CUTBACKS BY PROGRAM. STATEMENT ON EVALUATION OF
PROGRAMS DELETED; U.S. RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT WAS
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. ON SPECIAL PROJECTS OF SDAF, ARGENTINA
PROPOSED STUDY OF NEEDS AND COMMITTEE AGREED. U.S. SUGGESTED
THAT STUDY ATTEMPT TO DEFINE OBJECTIVES MORE CAREFULLY.

7. ON OTHER SUBJECTS:

A) ECUADOR MADE PITCH FOR STRENGTHENED FISHERIES PROGRAM,
SUPPORTED BY PERU AND CHILE;
B) PERU PRESSED FOR STUDY OF INTEGRATED TOURISM PROGRAM, BUT
AGREED TO CARRY ITEM FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING TO PERMIT INTERIM
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CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER MULTINATIONAL AGENCIES.

8. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE CHARACTERIZED BY GOOD HUMOR AND
SPIRIT OF ACCOMODATION. U.S. DELEGATION ACHIEVED ALL OBJECTIVES
IT SOUGHT AND NO SUBJECTS WERE INTRODUCED WHICH PROVED TROUBLE-
SOME.

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